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East of Clay Street between Craig Road  
and Hagner Road  
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Philadelphia County  
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Location: East of Clay Street between Craig Road and Hagner Road  
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: 1945

Significance: Building 261 is associated with the extensive infrastructure of utilities that supported the principal structures of Frankford Arsenal, the U.S. Army's principal manufacturer of small arms ammunition.

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## **HISTORY**

Building 261 was built in 1945 as a switch house associated with the arsenal's electrical utility system. The building served this function, housing switching gear, until the closure of the arsenal.

## **DESCRIPTION**

Building 261 is a one-story brick structure on a concrete foundation, measuring approximately 12 feet by 7 feet. It has an overhanging asbestos shingle roof with ventilator on ridge and a metal door with four lights in the east facade.

## **SOURCE**

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal" (West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, (1979).

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